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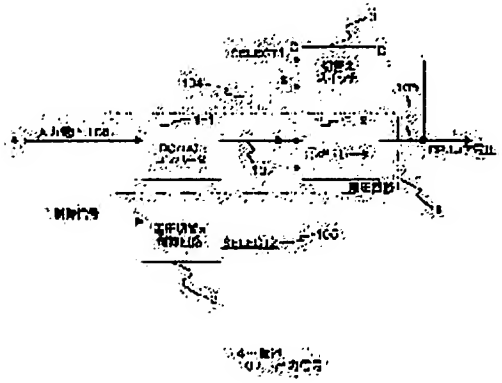
(54) CPU CORE VOLTAGE SWITCHING CIRCUIT

(57)Abstract:
PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a CPU core voltage switching circuit with low power consumption.
SOLUTION: This CPU core voltage switching circuit is provided in a portable information terminal and characterized by setting CPU clock frequency as a half of the one when the portable information terminal is at a state of initial start or an initialized state of memory data when application software is used by the portable information terminal.



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based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 1 to 4 characterized by having the voltage change control means which output the armature-voltage control signal showing the aforementioned low battery to the aforementioned voltage drop means. The aforementioned gate means inputs input voltage into a source terminal (S), and the summary of invention according to claim 6 inputs the armature-voltage control signal with which the aforementioned high voltage is expressed to a gate terminal (G), and consists in the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 characterized by being the field-effect transistor which outputs drain terminal (D) voltage as core-based-CPU voltage. The aforementioned voltage drop means inputs input voltage into an input terminal, and the summary of invention according to claim 7 inputs the armature-voltage control signal which expresses the aforementioned low battery with a control terminal, and consists in the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 or 6 characterized by being the regulator which outputs output terminal voltage as core-based-CPU voltage. The summary of invention according to claim 8 the aforementioned voltage change control means If it is shown that the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant has the aforementioned control signal in an initial starting state and a memory data initialization state, the aforementioned CPU clock frequency will be made high. The hybrid IC which will control the aforementioned CPU clock frequency low if it is shown that it is in the state where the aforementioned control signal is using the aforementioned application software, According to the aforementioned CPU clock frequency, if the aforementioned CPU clock frequency is high, the armature-voltage control signal showing the high voltage will be outputted to the aforementioned gate means. If the aforementioned CPU clock frequency is low, it consists in the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 to 7 characterized by having the RS flip flop and OR circuit which output the armature-voltage control signal showing a low battery to the aforementioned gate means. The summary of invention according to claim 9 consists in the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 to 8 characterized by equipping the aforementioned hybrid IC with CPU and a system controller. The summary of invention according to claim 10 will set the aforementioned CPU clock frequency to 33MHZ(s), if the aforementioned hybrid IC shows that the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant has the aforementioned control signal in an initial starting state and a memory data initialization state, and if the aforementioned control signal shows that it is in the state where the aforementioned application software is used, it consists to the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 to 9 characterized by controlling the aforementioned CPU clock frequency to 16.5MHZ(s). The summary of invention according to claim 11 consists in the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 10 characterized by a gate means outputting input voltage as core-based-CPU voltage of 2.7V according to the arrival showing the high voltage of an armature-voltage control signal. The summary of invention according to claim 12 consists in the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 10 or 11 characterized by for a voltage drop means reducing input voltage according to the arrival showing the aforementioned low battery of an armature-voltage control signal, and outputting it as core-based-CPU voltage of 2.0V. The summary of invention according to claim 13 consists in the Personal Digital Assistant equipped with the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 1 to 12.

[0005]

[Embodiments of the Invention] this invention circuit drives core-based-CPU voltage for the equipment (for example, Personal Digital Assistant) equipped with this invention circuit by 2.7V at initial during starting and the time of memory data initialization, and drives core-based-CPU voltage by 2.0V at the time of use of application software. When it explains in more detail, for this invention circuit, the equipment equipped with this circuit is CPU at initial during starting and the time of memory data initialization. By setting CLK frequency to f=33MHZ, core-based-CPU voltage is set as 2.7V, and it is CPU at the time of application use. It is the circuit controlled to set core-based-CPU voltage as 2.0V by setting CLK frequency to f/2=16.5MHZ.

[0006] The signal (it becomes the control signal:SUSPEND signal explained later) used as the trigger of a voltage change is controlled by the control signal inputted by the switch of the exterior which is not beforehand illustrated so that it may change, while shifting to an application

use screen from initial during starting and the time of memory data initialization by the voltage change control circuit 2 mentioned later. That is, control (key stroke power supply OFF->ON it is the same as that of the mode carried out) turned on after turning off a screen, just before an application screen starts by this switch control was performed, and change control of voltage is mechanically realized depending on this switch control.

[0007] Hereafter, the form of operation of this invention is explained with reference to a drawing. Drawing 1 is the block diagram showing the form of operation of this invention, and consists of a potential circuit 1, a voltage change control circuit 2, and a changeover switch 3 (it sets in the form of this operation and is an FET:field-effect transistor).

[0008] A potential circuit 1 consists of DC to DC converter 1-1 and a regulator 1-2, as shown in drawing 1 and drawing 2 . Moreover, the voltage change control circuit 2 consists of a hybrid IC 2-1 which consists of CPU 2-101 and a system controller 2-102, and RS flip flop 2-2 and OR circuit 2-3, as shown in drawing 3 .

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[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, core-based-CPU voltage was eternal, and when the case where CPUCLK (CPU clock) is low-speed-ized as a result, and a load were reduced by the conventional technology, there was a trouble that low-power-ization could not be attained in it. this invention is made in view of this trouble, and the place made into the purpose is in the point of offering the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit of a low power.
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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]
[Claim 1] The core-based-CPU voltage change circuit which is a core-based-CPU voltage change circuit with which a Personal Digital Assistant is equipped, and is characterized by making a CPU clock frequency into the frequency of the half when being in an initial starting state and a memory data initialization state when the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant uses application software.
[Claim 2] The core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 1 characterized by to control to set up so that core-based-CPU voltage in case the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant uses the aforementioned application software by making the aforementioned CPU clock frequency into the frequency of a half in case the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant is in an initial starting state and a memory data initial state when the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant uses the aforementioned application software may become low than core-based-CPU voltage in case the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant is in an initial starting state and a memory data initialization state.
[Claim 3] The core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 1 or 2 which sets the aforementioned CPU clock frequency to 33MHZ(s) when the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant is in an initial starting state and a memory data initialization state, and is characterized by setting the aforementioned CPU clock frequency to 16.5MHZ(s) when using the aforementioned application software.
[Claim 4] The core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 1 to 3 characterized by controlling to set core-based-CPU voltage as 2.0V by setting the aforementioned CPU clock frequency to 16.5MHZ(s) when core-based-CPU voltage is set as 2.7V and the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant uses the aforementioned application software by setting the aforementioned CPU clock frequency to 33MHZ(s) when the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant is in an initial starting state and a memory data initial state.
[Claim 5] The core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 1 to 4 characterized by providing the following. A gate means to output input voltage as core-based-CPU voltage according to the arrival showing the high voltage of an armature-voltage control signal. A voltage drop means to reduce input voltage according to the arrival showing a low battery of an armature-voltage control signal, and to output as core-based-CPU voltage. If it is shown according to the control signal inputted into the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant from the outside that the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant has the aforementioned control signal in an initial starting state and a memory data initialization state, the aforementioned CPU clock frequency will be made high. Output the armature-voltage control signal showing the aforementioned high voltage to the aforementioned gate means, and if it is shown that it is in the state where the aforementioned control signal is using the aforementioned application software, the aforementioned CPU clock frequency will be made low. Voltage change control

means which output the armature-voltage control signal showing the aforementioned low battery to the aforementioned voltage drop means.
[Claim 6] The aforementioned gate means is a core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 characterized by being the field-effect transistor which inputs input voltage into a source terminal (S), inputs the armature-voltage control signal with which the aforementioned high voltage is expressed to a gate terminal (G), and outputs drain terminal (D) voltage as core-based-CPU voltage.
[Claim 7] The aforementioned voltage drop means is a core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 or 6 characterized by being the regulator which inputs input voltage into an input terminal, inputs the armature-voltage control signal which expresses the aforementioned low battery with a control terminal, and outputs output terminal voltage as core-based-CPU voltage.
[Claim 8] The core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 to 7 characterized by providing the following. The aforementioned voltage change control means are hybrid ICs which will control the aforementioned CPU clock frequency low if it is shown that it is in the state where will make the aforementioned CPU clock frequency high if it is shown that the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant has the aforementioned control signal in an initial starting state and a memory data initialization state, and the aforementioned control signal is using the aforementioned application software. The RS flip flop and OR circuit which will output the armature-voltage control signal showing the high voltage to the aforementioned gate means according to the aforementioned CPU clock frequency if the aforementioned CPU clock frequency is high, and will output the armature-voltage control signal showing a low battery to the aforementioned gate means if the aforementioned CPU clock frequency is low.
[Claim 9] The aforementioned hybrid IC is a core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 to 8 characterized by having CPU and a system controller.
[Claim 10] The aforementioned hybrid IC is a core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 5 to 9 which will set the aforementioned CPU clock frequency to 33MHZ(s) if it is shown that the aforementioned Personal Digital Assistant has the aforementioned control signal in an initial starting state and a memory data initialization state, and is characterized by controlling the aforementioned CPU clock frequency to 16.5MHZ(s) if it is shown that it is in the state where the aforementioned control signal is using the aforementioned application software.
[Claim 11] A gate means is a core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 10 characterized by outputting input voltage as core-based-CPU voltage of 2.7V according to the arrival showing the high voltage of an armature-voltage control signal.
[Claim 12] A voltage drop means is a core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 10 or 11 characterized by reducing input voltage according to the arrival showing the aforementioned low battery of an armature-voltage control signal, and outputting as core-based-CPU voltage of 2.0V.
[Claim 13] The Personal Digital Assistant equipped with the core-based-CPU voltage change circuit according to claim 1 to 12.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]
[Drawing 1] It is the block diagram of the electrical circuit showing the gestalt of operation of this invention.
[Drawing 2] They are the potential circuit 1 shown in drawing 1 , and an electrical diagram showing a changeover switch 3.
[Drawing 3] It is an electrical diagram showing the internal circuitry of the voltage change control circuit 2 shown in drawing 1 .
[Description of Notations]
1 Potential Circuit
1-1 DC to DC Converter
1-2 Regulator
2 Voltage Change Control Circuit
2-1 Hybrid IC
2-101 CPU
2-102 System controller
2-2 RS Flip Flop
2-3 OR Circuit
3 Changeover Switch
4 Cell
100 Output Signal
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DRAWINGS

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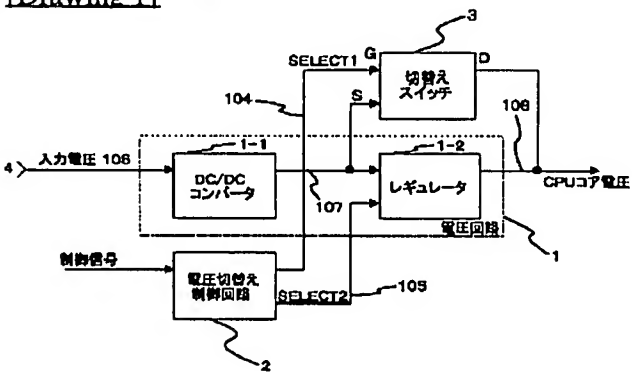

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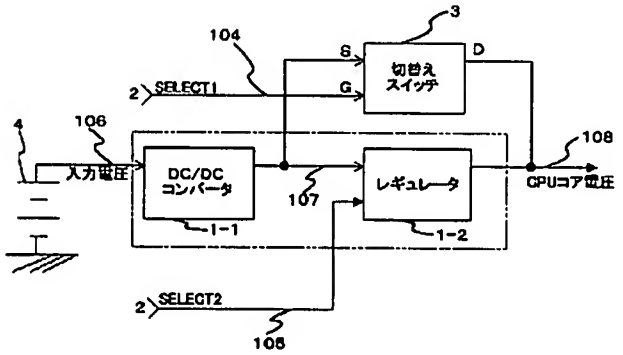
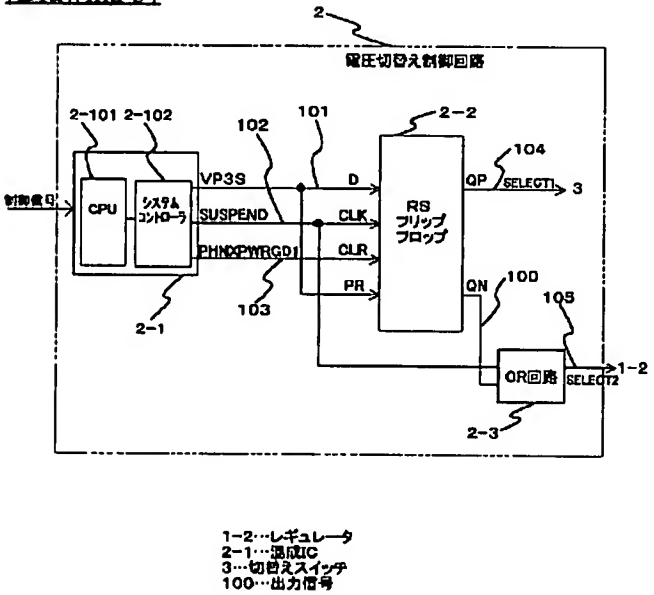


1…電圧回路
2…電圧切替え制御回路
4…電池
107…出力信号

[Drawing 3]



1-2…レギュレータ
2-1…混成IC
3…切替えスイッチ
100…出力信号

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